

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: John W. LUDLOW *et al.* : MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS
Application No.: 10/620,433 : Attorney Docket No.: 320727.00201
Filed: July 17, 2003 : Confirmation No.: 1097

For: METHOD OF OBTAINING VIABLE HUMAN LIVER CELLS, INCLUDING HEPATIC STEM/PROGENITOR CELLS

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Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated October 21, 2003, for one-month from December 21, 2003 to January 21, 2004. Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 of which, \$65.00 is to cover the late declaration surcharge fee and \$55.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fees for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-1710. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

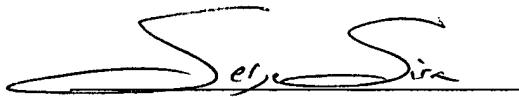
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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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